



MEMO

To: Mayor & City Council

From: Pa Goldbeck, Assistant City Manager

Date: August 11, 2026

Subject: Establishing a Data Center Study Committee

At the July 28, 2026 meeting, the City Council received a report regarding data centers containing 12 potential actions to further regulate or restrict data center development. The City Council directed staff to proceed in researching these 12 items and several others specified by the City Council itself.

In addition, the Council approved a motion "to form a study committee to look at environmental impacts not considered within the previous 12 items, including heat generation and localized temperature increases, and impacts on wildlife, habitats, and human health."

The discussion around this motion indicated that the intent was for this committee to be convened by the City Council to study these topics independent of the research being conducted by City staff. Therefore, this item is being placed on the agenda to allow Council to discuss how it will accomplish this task.